

Student workers:

Pay raise won't raise income

By SANDY GRIGSON
Staff Reporter

An increase in minimum wages will take effect in April, bringing the pay scale to \$3.80 per hour for the remainder of the year.

"We've been at this \$3.35 an hour for a long time," said Larry Ferguson, associate vice chancellor of business affairs.

Many of the 225 student workers on campus work

approximately 20 hours per week. This increase will mean an extra \$9 a week for the average worker.

"I think it's great. It's well-deserved," said Angela Love, student worker in the management and marketing department. With the cost of living going up and the recent increase in tuition, Love feels that students need all the help they can get.

However, The University and Louisiana have faced a financial strain for the past several years. Exactly where will the money come from to pay additional wages to workers? Students may well question if they will actually benefit by the salary increase. Unless LSUS' budget increases, students are likely to be disappointed.

"It will be up to the department heads to stay within their

budgets," Ferguson said.

In order to pay for the increase in pay, departments may cut back the number of hours that students work. A three-hour-a-week reduction will maintain the current level of student income.

"The departments have been allocated so much money for the year for student wages. We need to work within that framework and limitations and we'll

need to adjust the number of hours not the number of dollars," said Fred Krieg, director of human resources.

There are other factors which may result in fewer hours rather than more money for students. Some students who work on campus are on federal work-study programs. Federal guidelines determine the amount of total income that may be earned

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KA's last march draws protestors

By RANDY JAMES
Staff Reporter

They are gone.

Six Kappa Alphas commemorating the Old South dressed as Confederate soldiers and flying the Confederate flag marched down the center mall as 17 members of the minority interest group, Colleagues, protested. According to some students and staff, the demonstration was peaceful and viewed the two organizations as having justified cause to express their views.

Willard Edwards, president of Kappa Alpha, said that their Old South march was not a racist issue. "It was a celebration of the southern gentleman with high regard for the lady along with Christian belief," he said. Edwards said that the march was a display of the fraternity's heritage and what their forefathers had exemplified in chivalry and the mannerisms of the era.

"It is not a racial issue or a slavery issue; that is not what we represent as a national organization. But we do celebrate our heritage through the Old South." Nevertheless, Edwards said that he can understand what the Colleagues organization was protesting. He said that they had a right to protest KA as KA had a right to march across the campus.

Edwards said their organization is perceived as being racist by many people because KA uses

the Confederate flag, which is often associated with racist organizations.

"It's not what we want it to be taken as. We have no relation with any organizations that are racist. We use the Confederate flag as a symbol of the southern heritage not as a racial means." Edwards said that they have never discriminated against minorities but haven't had any join.

Kelvin Broom, Kappa Alpha member, said that the KAs have been pegged wrong. "Many people think that we are racist, but we have never associated with the KKK or ever done anything anti-black." Broom said that there are people from the black community that have participated in their organization and that the KA in California had a black president at one time.

"There are no hard feelings between the KA and Colleagues, and we are not trying to instigate anything," he said, adding, "They have their rights to protest anything that offends their rights." Also Broom said that a KA representative wants to talk with the Colleagues group to clarify things and to justify Kappa Alpha's march.

Rickey Maiden, spokesperson for Colleagues, said that the march was not symbolic to him at all. "The fact that the KAs choose to use the Confederate flag is what prompted the protest."

Maiden said that he doesn't know whether

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photo by Larry Merrell

Followed by protestors, Kappa Alpha marches to an end.

editorial

Quiet please!

Michael Stone entered the library at 6:15 p.m. After passing through a shiny metal gate that could possibly cripple the average size man, Stone looked left. Then he looked right. There was no one around.

Stone heard his footsteps reverberate off the concrete walls as he made his way up the stairs to the library's second floor. The metal vault-like door closed behind him. The stillness of the library caressed Stone like the inspiring silence of a cathedral.

Not wishing to disturb the peaceful atmosphere, Stone glided to his favorite study spot in the very back the room. The chair barely made a sound as it was pulled from beneath the wooden desk. His mind cleared of all distractions, Stone opened his chemistry book, and began to read.

"HEY BABE! THERE'S A DESK WHERE WE CAN STUDY EACH OTHER!"

The shouted intrusion pierced Stone's brain like 50,000 volts through cheddar cheese.

"TOMMY...CINDY TOLD ME YOU WERE STUDYING ANOTHER 'BABE' TUESDAY NIGHT! WAS IT THAT LISA TRAMP?"

"NO BABE! NO! YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN MY HEART!"

"WELL IF I'M IN YOUR HEART, WHAT PART OF YOUR ANATOMY IS LISA IN?!"

Intense white-hot hatred filled Stone's entire being. He had three exams tomorrow. Three! After staying up two nights in a row Stone needed only two-and-a-half hours study time to make an "A." But squeaky voices continued.

A plan formed. It was a simple, old-fashioned, time-honored sort of plan. Murder.

The chair gave a painful squeal as Stone stood. Should he use the chair? No. Bare hands would do.

Before Stone could take a single step, someone rammed him from behind. Looking up Stone saw two 16-year-old girls dressed in black leather and hot-pink silk strolling toward the copy machine to make copies of Kirk Cameron pictures. "IF I SAW HIM I'D JUST DIIIIEEEE!"

"Could you die now and save me and Kirk the trouble?" Stone whispered. But it was hopeless. Stone knew when he was beaten. He gathered his school-work and slumped toward the door.

To his left: "SHE SAID WHAT!"

To his right: "I TOLD YOU SO, I TOLD YOU SO!"

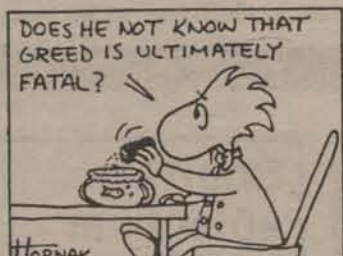
A librarian screamed out, "IRELAND IS IN THE 'C' SECTION!"

The metal, vault-like door closed behind him.

Yes, LSUS' library needs to be open to the public. Yes, high-school students who use our library may one day enroll at LSUS. Yes, we need those junior high students some day to pay tuition to help support the campus. Yes, the library is an excellent way to make LSUS a vital part of the community.

But PLEASE! We mean (quietly) please, librarians, you work in a library. A library is supposed to be a place where one can indulge in knowledge. If 16 people are gathered around screaming about the hardships of acne...tell them to do it in a whisper.

BLiRM



Brief explanation of LSUS courses

By ROBERT HORNAK
Staff Columnist

Preregistration is upon us again and despite our attempts at thwarting it, we are again face to face with that mounting obstacle called Decision.

With lethargic apathy we trudge through the catalogs and course bulletins in search of the elusive "easy schedule," but to no avail. In our desperation, we are tempted to apply the "eenie-meenie-minie-mo" theory of schedule creation but we must not; the right classes are out there. If we had a catalog that told us what we would really learn in each class it would be much easier to choose an appropriate schedule:

BIOLOGY: Learn the intricate workings of the body and find out if it gets jealous when we look at other ones. Dissect

frogs and rabbits then see which are better stir-fried. Advanced topics: Undersea life-- what is their plumbing like? Mitochondria-- why are they never asked to parties?

ENGLISH: Required readings: everything written from "Beowulf" to "Lonesome Dove" with a breather somewhere around the 14th century. A 7,500-word paper on the symbolism of Hamlet's shirt size will be written as an in-class assignment on finals day. (Prerequisite: a masters degree in B.S.)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Provides students with knowledge of a foreign language as well as practical uses such as trying to communicate with a hotel maid. Studying abroad is offered and it is encouraged especially for those who insist on speaking their new language all day long.

HISTORY: Who started the

French Revolution and couldn't he have just kept it to himself? Was Mrs. O'Leary's cow framed? What brand of soap was available at Roman baths? These and other historical ticklers are attacked.

PHYSICS: First semester-- detailed lectures covering force, quantum numbers, and electrical energy. Second semester-- desperate question-and-answer sessions concerning the first semester. Fourth year students must prove Einstein's Theory of Relativity using only an abacus.

PSYCHOLOGY: Discuss Freud's bitter arguments with his mother over his belief that she was actually his father. Mandatory viewing of B. Skinner's controversial oration "Who picks up the check when a schizophrenic dines alone?" Learn self-hypothesis on your own during boring lectures.

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Letter to the Editor:

SGA pres speaks out

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to recent articles concerning our SGA and in review of my own administration over the past year.

From the beginning Craig and I were committed to focusing the attention of the administration on the most basic needs and concerns of the students of this school. Given the fiscal uncertainty of our state regarding higher education and the resulting lowered morale at our school, we felt that it was also of utmost importance to constantly remain upbeat and optimistic about our school and the quality of education it steadfastly affords our students in spite of higher education's threatened status. Further, if it can be said that over the last year students recognized and felt comfortable approaching the president or vice president of the SGA with any need or concern, then I feel we have been successful.

Among the highlights of the year were the implementation of an NCAA Division III athletic program, the successful defeat of an attempt to have parking fees raised to \$10/\$15, and the student support rally staged in protest of any further cuts in funding or services at our school. All of these victories were at least in part attributable to our SGA. A low point was the temporary discontinuation of the Book Exchange, but as soon as an individual emerges willing to devote the time requisite to properly running it, it will be reactivated.

Yet, no matter how little student involvement

there is or how apathetic our student body appears to be, the situation will never improve by our being negative. We will never motivate LSUS students to become involved if we call them "stupid" or "lazy" and tell them to "shut up." Similarly, neither is it beneficial to childishly ridicule the present SGA administration. If the SGA president of 1987-1988 were truly concerned with the potential and direction of this school he should have come forward and offered his insight rather than hide like a scared little boy. I would have been glad to listen.

Craig and I were as disappointed as anyone that no one came forth to challenge President-Elect Montgomery and Vice-President Elect Kaiser but this may have been in part due to the somewhat tranquil atmosphere in the SGA. Undoubtedly, Montgomery and Kaiser are qualified, but competition is healthy. Further, the incoming student senate is very young but shows great promise and will, I trust, remember that the SGA is a body created for the fundamental purpose of providing LSUS students an avenue through which they might express opinions and be allowed a redress for grievances. This is a very real and critical service.

To Barry, Dale, and the new Senate, Craig and I wish you the very best. Good luck.

Sincerely,
Royal Alexander
SGA President.

Hodge Podge—final revenge

By TOM BORDELON
Contributing Writer

Thoughts, musings, ramblings, etc. while wondering what happened to the bells Monday. Now that Spring Break is over, we can all concentrate on our studies. Which brings up an important question: When is the Easter holiday?

Congratulations to Barry Montgomery and Dale Kaiser, who had narrow victories in the SGA elections. Actually, they ran unopposed, with only one write-in vote (Clayton Rowe voted for himself for both offices). The victory is especially important to Dale, who is on his third degree. Also, Dale's position as vice president allows him to run senate meetings, something he has attempted to do for years.

Don't look now, but there is something green growing on those sticks stuck in the ground in front of the campus. The sticks have baffled scientists since their appearance several months ago. They have concluded that they are either a UFO landing site or someone's idea of "beautification." It's hard to tell which.

Has anyone noticed the glass case in the UC? I can't seem to find anyone who knows exactly what it is for, but I have a few ideas:

—A museum case for display of petrified fossils, such as the biscuits Pickett serves for breakfast.

—Bogue's tomb, much like Lenin's tomb, where a wax dummy of Bogue (is that redun-

dant?) will be displayed for 10 years or until his resignation is final, whichever comes first.

—A trophy case for our athletic programs. If this is the case, then it will be ready for our first trophy at about the same time as the new library is completed.

Inspector Hodge Podge



takes a closer look at
SGA, Oscars,
LSUS mysteries

Bronson Hall.

—Rambo V - Rambo, played by Dr. Gloria Raines, runs roughshod over a small university campus.

—The Hunt For Greener Pastures - The skipper of a university attempts to defect to Tennessee, only to find that he is refused asylum.

On a serious note, I am truly saddened by the resignation of Dr. Bogue. While he has stated that he will remain at LSUS to teach, I think he will be more effective as a counselor in the placement office. After all, who knows more about job interviews?

As a response to the ongoing flap about our food services, Pickett Food Service has appointed a new director for the campus, Mr. Sal Monella. He and his assistant, Bo Tulism, are anxious to get started. I'm still smuggling.

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"What teacher/class do
you recommend?"

Once again, registration is upon us, and with it comes the question of which teachers to take.

In an effort to help with this decision, the ALMAGEST asked several students what courses and which instructors they would recommend to others. Top vote getter was Dr. Milton Finley, history professor.

Bob Williams, graduate student in accounting, recommended taking any classes under Finley. "He's very thorough and knowledgeable," Williams said.

Casey Simpson, senior history major, said the course to take is military history and the man to take it under is Finley. "He's the most interesting and funny professor on campus."

Bob Dewerff, graduate student in accounting, said Steve White, accounting instructor, is a good choice for those wanting to take some tax courses because "he really cares about you learning it."

Daniel Wagner, sophomore psychology major, said Dr. Jean Hollenshead, associate professor of psychology, is a good choice for those who must take Psychology 152. "She's one of the best psychology teachers out here."

Debbie Green, freshman education major, said Dr. Charles Johnson, associate professor of mathematics, is worth taking for Math 121 because "his explanations made you understand it better."

Angela Franklin, freshman pharmacy major, recommended Joe Patrick, assistant professor of foreign language, for French. "He was nice," she said.

Lita Turner, freshman accounting major, said for algebra, Dr. Thomas Moss, professor of mathematics, is the best. "He makes it understandable and he goes slow and explains everything."

GiGi Harris, a junior radiology major, said Dr. Iris Johnson, mathematics instructor, is best for those taking trigonometry because "not only does she explain things well, she's thorough and you can tell she really wants you to learn it."

Chris Matas, junior public relations major, recommended Mr. Frongillo as the teacher to take for English 205. "He's funny, witty, and he gives new insight into literature," Matas said.

And the final student to voice his opinion, Willie Demming, sophomore majoring in pre-med, said for those considering enrolling in biology, Dr. Cran Lucas, professor of biology, is the best instructor. "He is very thorough with each lesson, and he makes it interesting."

While this is hardly a scientific survey, the ALMAGEST does hope it will help relieve some of the pressure involved in making-out your schedule. Look for further information next week.



Bob Williams



Bob Dewerff



Daniel Wagner



Debbie Green



Angela Franklin

news

LSUS receives \$52,310 for writing project

By VICKI MARSIGLIA
Contributing Writer

LSUS has been chosen to receive a \$52,310 grant for the National Writing Project.

On Feb. 22, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved a measure to partially fund the project.

The money will be used to train teachers in a five-week Summer Institute course at LSUS from June 11 through

July 12. They will learn to be "teacher consultants," which means they will be responsible for training their fellow instructors through service workshops.

Everyone is encouraged to apply, especially minorities. A \$700 stipend will be received upon completion of the course.

A joint proposal for the grant was written by Dr. Barbara Decker, education professor, Dr. Larry Anderson, English professor, Dr. Patricia

Bates, chairman of the English department and Rosie Woodley of the Caddo school system.

"It was a great feather in our cap," Decker said. LSUS is the only university in North Louisiana to receive such funding.

Decker and Anderson are currently working on application criteria for the 20 teachers to be trained, 10 of whom will come from Caddo Parish, six from Bossier Parish, and four from Desoto Parish.



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Dr. Barbara Decker

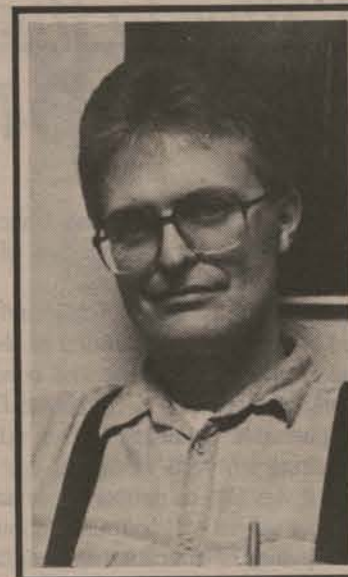


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Dr. Larry Anderson

BRIEFS

The LSUS English Club will have its first Book Fair on Tuesday, March 27, and Thursday, March 29, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting until 2 p.m. on both days.

The sale includes several hundred books with a wide variety of subjects, both fiction and non-fiction.

The club plans to use the proceeds to finance an annual merit scholarship to recognize deserving club members.

Room 123, Bronson Hall. Pre-registration is necessary and enrollment is limited. Registration forms may be obtained by calling 797-5262.

Classes will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the first four weeks, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. the following two weeks and from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the last two sessions.

The Public Relations Student Society of America will hold its second talent show audition session on March 29, from 4

p.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Center Theater. All ages and acts are eligible for auditions.

A second Chat With the Chancellor will be held in front of the University Center on Tuesday, April 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Questions and comments for the forum may be

dropped off in the box located in front of the elevator on the first floor of Bronson Hall or on the third floor in front of Room 356.

The LSUS Student Activities Board is sponsoring Spring Fling '90 on April 5 and 6 in the mall area. Windstorm and Made

in Japan will provide music. The theme of this year's event is "Come Sail Away."

"Basic Photography," a non-credit eight-week course for those who want to know more about their 35 mm cameras or who want to start a home darkroom, will be offered on Thursday evenings beginning March 22 and continuing through May 10.

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news

Students must plan early for career goals

By HELEN C. TAYLOR
Contributing Writer

Denise Dupont, a Baylor University graduate currently working on her school psychology degree at LSUS, sometimes wishes she had spent her college years differently. "I had one goal and didn't pursue any others. I started in school in a real hurry to graduate so I could get on with the rest of my life."

Dupont feels her college years would have been more fulfilling if she had not placed so many time constraints on herself. "I'd be happier now if I had lived for the moment then. Instead of being so time-oriented, I'd pay more attention to what I was learning."

Dupont said the last semester was her hardest because, "I was faced with radical life changes and didn't know what the hell to do. One minute you're in school looking forward to graduation and the next you're out on the street looking for a job."

Dupont is not unusual. Many students fervently anticipate graduation so they can get on



photo by Lily Dizon
Bill Stowe

"30 percent have no idea what they want to do"

with life but not knowing what they face or want.

Rebecca Ruffin, a Centenary graduate said, "Graduation poses two problems. On one hand you're afraid you won't graduate and on the other you're afraid you will graduate and

have to enter the real world."

According to Bill Stowe, director of the career placement center, many students don't begin thinking about their future until graduation. Many get into trouble after graduation because they haven't decided specifically what they want. Approximately half of the graduating seniors he counsels have tentative career plans. But, 30 percent have no idea what they want to do.

Stowe said students who graduate with specific technical experience such as accounting or computer science have a better sense of direction than those with a hybrid degree.

"Students are very career-oriented - in that they want to make money," Stowe said. In the past several years, students have indicated they want to graduate primarily to make money so they can do the things they enjoy. "My philosophy is -- wouldn't it be better to do something you like and make money at it?"

According to Stowe, lack of accurate information about the job market and unrealistic goals pose problems for many graduates. The tendency is for students who don't know what they want to procrastinate. "I think students are very remiss in doing the groundwork it takes to get a job after graduation."

Stowe tells of one history

major who wanted to be a museum curator after graduation. There are little or no opportunities in Shreveport for curators but she didn't want to move.

Graduation was stressful for Doris Anne Wart. "I had this recurring nightmare that I would go up to get my diploma and it would be a blank sheet of paper."

Looking back, Wart wishes she had worked harder. "I wish I had concentrated more on my studies and pared down outside activities." Wart, who plans to attend law school in the fall, is not facing the dreaded job search.

Stowe said, "The job search is in many ways the hardest job a student may ever have because you have your ego on the line. Nobody likes to be told thanks but no thanks." He suggests that students begin the job search early in their senior year.

Ruffin said, "Looking for a job can be very confusing because so many different people give you conflicting advice." Ruffin wasn't sure of where to begin the job search but finds career fairs helpful because they help in preparing for the interviewing process.

Dupont said, "The most important thing to remember is that college is your time to find out about yourself. I personally felt better about graduation after I had made some plans."

Pulitzer winner to speak at LSUS

Paul Greenberg, Pulitzer-winning editorialist for **THE PINE BLUFF COMMERCIAL**, will lead a panel discussion on new directions for news on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Greenberg will be joined by Pulitzer-winning investigative reporter David Hanners of **THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS**, as well as **SHREVEPORT JOURNAL** Editor Carl Liberto, **THE TIMES** Editor Terry Eberle, Channel 12 Assistant News Director Yvonne Bittenger and KWKH Assistant News Director Bess Maxwell. The discussion, billed as the second annual LSUS Journalism Institute, is sponsored by **THE ALMAGEST**, and the Department of Communications and coordinated by the Division of Continuing Education.

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sports

Vegas awaits LSUS team champions

By KEVIN FLOWERS
Managing Editor

Though most people associate Las Vegas with gambling, the LSUS Flag Football Team is headed there for another reason.

The team will be participating in the Las Vegas Flag Football Classic beginning March 30, with a spot in the national championships awaiting the winner.

Team Captain John Bridges feels the competition is going to be tough. "The tournament is divisionless, so we may be facing guys who are used to playing professionally," he said.

In addition, the team will have to abandon the screen or shield flag football, which it usually plays and instead adjust to the contact version of the game. Screening or shielding involves blocking opponents by standing in their path.

But Bridges is looking on the bright side. "We may not come back with the first place trophy, but just getting the chance to go and participate will be a good experience for us," he said.

Though the event is only one week away, team members haven't had much time to worry about the hurdles they will face. They've been busy trying to get sponsors to cover the expenses of the trip, which Bridges estimates will cost about \$2,000. Student activities is paying the

team's entry fee into the tournament.

Mike Cihon, executive director of the U.S. Flag and Touch Football League, said the team was invited to participate in the Classic "because of their performance in the National Bud Light Flag Football Championship last November." Despite having been put together only days before the event, the team finished as runners-up in the "C" division, with several members receiving All-American honors.

Bridges hopes to continue this success at the Classic and would like for the team to be

able to participate in more tournaments in the future. "If we can get more sponsors, then maybe we will be able to travel to more events," he said. "We'll try to go to as many close tournaments as we can."

Kurt Rensink, director of student activities, said he believes the team's success is "good representation for the University." Though some of the original team members won't be making the trip, Rensink still feels the team should do well.

Bridges agreed. "We're definitely an up-and-coming team," he said, adding, "Who knows; LSUS might become known for flag football."

River Cities Six

Regular Season Standings

LSUS	5-0	LSUS Medical Center	2-3
Southern Shreveport	3-2	Shreveport Job Corp	2-3
Centenary College	3-2	Bossier Parish C.C.	0-5

Intramural

Regular Season Standings

All Out	8-1	BSU	3-3
K-9's	7-2	I Phelta Thi	4-5
Swish	7-2	Kappa Sigma Red	4-5
Delta Beta Rho	7-3	ROTC	3-5
R & E Express	7-3	No Names	2-6
Phi Van Halen	5-3	Fishheads	2-6
Dirty White Boys	2-7		

LSUS Intramural and Club Sports Department All Conference Picks

LSUS All-Intramural Men's Team

Thomas Beaudion, K-9's; Terrence Code, K-9's; Darrel Lewis, K-9's; Mike Bradford, All Out; Al Delaune, All Out; Scott Heno, All Out; Trey May, Swish; Steve Hurn, Delta Beta Rho; Shannon Wall, Delta Beta Rho; Richie Graham, Phi Van Halen; Mark Lambert, Phi Van Halen; Bernard Maristany, Kappa Sig and Rich Lancaster, No Names.

LSUS All-Intramural Women's Team

Shelly Gipson, Delta Beta Rho; Kyla Langley, Delta Beta Rho; Mandy Bailey, Delta Beta Rho; Michelle Mooney, Phi Mu and Lilly Anthony, Zeta Tau.

Hoops scores, more

By KEVIN FLOWERS
Managing Editor

Though LSUS boasts many sports activities, basketball has been in the spotlight for the past several weeks.

The intramural basketball season recently ended, with the K-9's as the reigning champs.

Led by high scorers Darrel Lewis and Thomas Beaudion, each with 16 points, the K-9's defeated Delta Beta Rho in the

finals of the post-season tournament.

Twelve teams qualified for the tournament, highlighted by Delta Beta Rho's upset of number one seed All Out in the semifinals.

Still, All Out ended the regular season with the best overall record.

And in other basketball action, the recently formed River Cities Six Extramural

Conference closed-out its regular season on March 20, with LSUS' team on top at 5-0.

The Conference consists of teams from Centenary College, Bossier Parish Community College, LSU Medical School, Southern University-Shreveport, Shreveport Job Corps, and LSUS.

Post-season results will be included in next week's issue of the ALMAGEST.

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news

Teachers get good grades

By KAY WINNINGHAM
Staff Reporter

The education department recently received an outstanding evaluation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

NCATE serves as a national forum that focuses on the demonstrated ability of professional education units to meet rigorous national standards for programs for the preparation of teachers and professional school personnel. National accreditation by NCATE assures the public that accredited units of an institution's education department maintain national standards of quality.

According to Dr. Ronald Byrd, dean of education, faculty members were involved in writing a self-study which was sent to NCATE in December in preparation for the Board of Examiners' visit. A five-member team from the Board of Examiners of NCATE came to LSUS March 4-7 to interview students, faculty members, deans and the chancellor. They also extensively reviewed and evaluated files, resumes, course outlines, budgets and student records.

"Ours was an excellent report," Byrd said. He is a mem-



Dr. Ronald Byrd photo by Larry Merrill

ber of NCATE's Board of Examiners which is composed of an equal number of representatives from three constituency groups - teacher education, teachers, and state and local policy makers. Byrd has visited other institutions to make standard evaluations and said that the LSUS report is the best report he has been involved in.

LSUS' education department met 17 of the 18 standards used to measure the quality of various units. These units include the faculty, student relationships, curriculum, admission, advisory services, governance

and resources. These units were measured on the graduate and undergraduate levels. The only unit which did not meet the standards is that of resources. Included in this unit are areas of personnel, funding, physical facilities, library, equipment, materials and supplies.

"Resources are the only thing we have no control over - we met every standard in terms of what we can control and we are very happy about that," Byrd said. The design, delivery and content of the education curriculum at the graduate and undergraduate levels met the stan-

dards easily.

But the unit involving the faculty load was weak. Byrd said that this is due in part to the fact that there are more part-time instructors than full-time instructors in the department.

According to a 1989 report by the Unit Accreditation Board based on 46 institutions, only six of the institutions met all of the standards. But LSUS' report was near-perfect, meeting all

Byrd thinks that LSUS' education department had an advantage because he has been working on the NCATE Board of Examiners' teams for years and knows what the council is looking for in the evaluation. "I knew we would do fine with the things we can control. We have been working like the devil for a year and a half getting ready for this. I just can't emphasize how hard the faculty has worked -- It has been a massive undertaking," Byrd said.

In a couple of weeks the education department will receive a more detailed report of the evaluation. Faculty members will have a chance to review and rebut.

The department will receive word about its reaccreditation in about six to eight months.

Campus Crime Watch

On Feb. 20, a truck parked on the north side of the campus was broken into and a pair of box speakers were stolen.

A hit and run was reported by a student who, after attending class, found that her right, front fender was smashed.

One of the candy machines in Bronson Hall was broken into, and all the money was taken.

Four accidents have been reported since the beginning of the semester, although there have been no major injuries.

- One car rolled into another in the Business Education parking lot.

- Another driver hit the Power Plant wall.

- Two drivers have been hit as they were backing out of parking spaces.

- A couple of accidents occurred at the Northeast exit on March 7, but these were handled by the Shreveport City Police.

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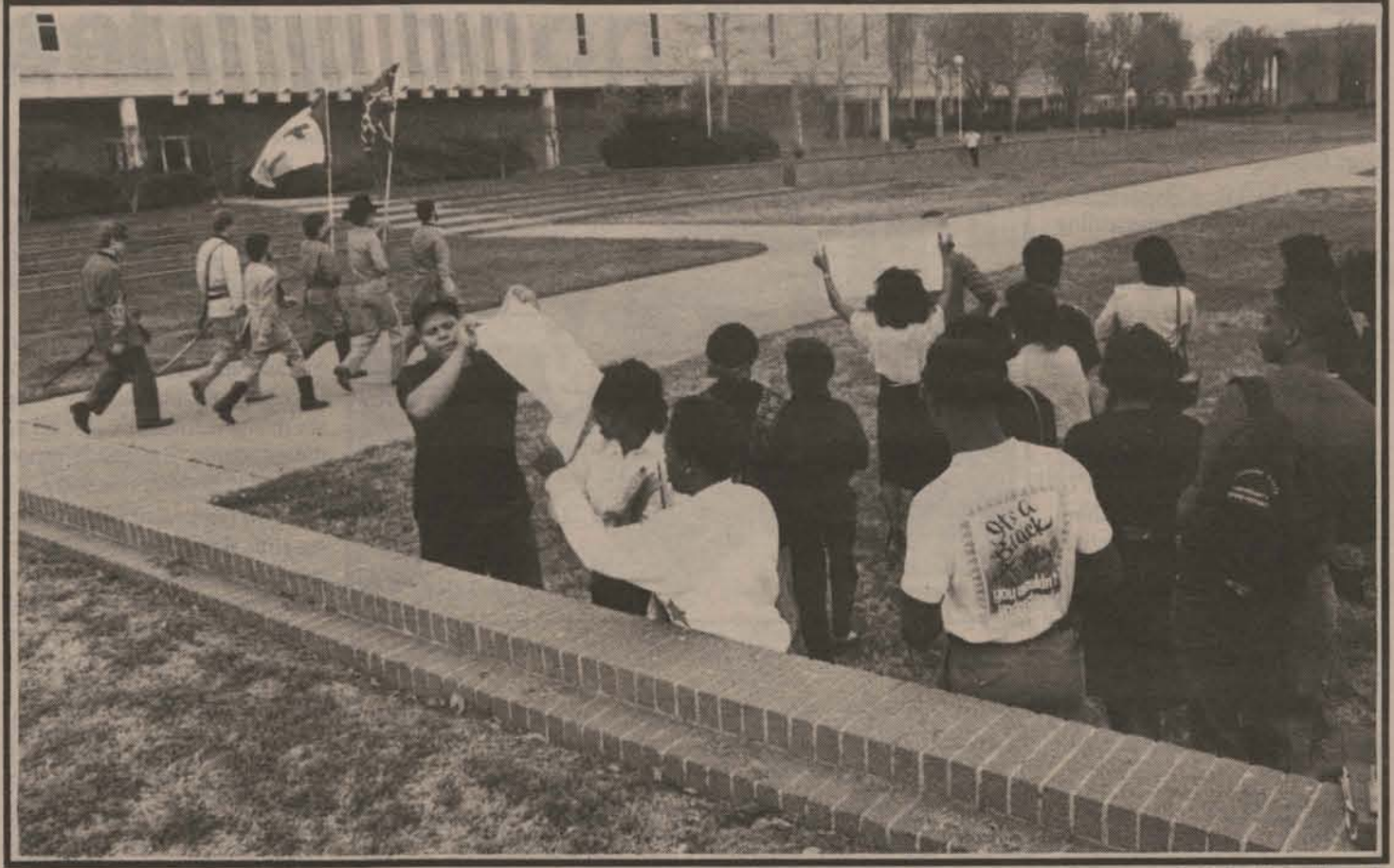
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the flag was used to offend anyone or not. Maiden said that he couldn't answer for everyone else, but the use of the flag did offend him because the Confederate flag is associated with racists.

Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs, said that she does not have the "foggiest" notion of what the flag means. "Everyone looks at it differently. The only way that you're going to find out how people view the flag is to talk to each individual." Raines said that the official explanation is that they do this march in commemoration of the Old South every year and that KA is sensitive to the fact that it is offensive to some. However, Raines said that it doesn't matter what KA people see, symbolism is in the eye of the beholder.

"Even if your intentions are good, there can still be negative results," she said. Raines added that we are dealing with the rights of two groups and that there is nothing illegal about them expressing their views. This matter essentially deals with the freedom of speech. "I think that the demonstration was very well done. KA expressed their freedom through their march and flag and the students (Colleagues) expressed their freedom through their protest."

Dale Kaiser, a prominent KA member, said that their entire fraternity is a celebration of the Old South. "It is a mere commemoration of the lady, the gentility and chivalry of the antebellum South and all its



Kappa Alpha and the Colleagues have peaceful clash of opinions.

photo by Larry Merrell

grandeur."

Kaiser said that although there was a black slave slot in the Old South, he does not agree to the idea of slavery. "There were a lot of soldiers that fought in the Civil War that didn't even own slaves; they were fighting to protect their states," he said. Kaiser said that he is not prejudiced and that he has never had a problem with blacks.

Kaiser also said that he knows that many people see the Confederate flag and its other accessories as offensive and that he can understand why. "I know that the KKK's, Skin-

Heads, etc. use the flag in their demonstrations, but that's not the way with us (KA). We use the flag as a celebration of our southern heritage."

Kaiser said that the march was not done to promote white supremacy and that it (the march) was not intentionally done to cause trouble. "Robert E. Lee is our spiritual founder because our heritage is militaristic in nature," he added. Kaiser said that KA is not prejudiced and that there is nothing in their pledge book that is racist. "I understand the symbolism that is associated with the Old South and the

Confederate Flag, but I do hope that people will look past the symbolism," he added.

Cassandra Levingston, secretary for Colleagues, said that she thought that the march and the protest was handled well. "First, I thought that things would get all out of hand but they didn't." Levingston said that even though a small amount of people participated because at least they were doing something and somebody noticed what was going on.

"We stressed, before the protest, that there would be no violence and that we would not

throw any words (derogative remarks) against the organization," she said.

Levingston also said that the waving of the Confederate flag says that blacks have no rights and that was what they were protesting. Levingston reiterated the idea that there are many people who are ignorant of what the Confederate flag stands for/stood for. "We are to educate the ones that don't know what it means, and there is nothing wrong with being ignorant about it. However, where it is bad is when you do know and you don't do anything about it," she said.

Money

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by the workers. Since work-study students are not working under departmental budgets, some work-study students will not be affected adversely by the wage hike.

"Some students have not worked up to what they can earn, so they won't have to cut back at all," said Ed Chase, director of student services and financial aid.

"It's really not going to affect me that much," said Penny Jones, work-study student in the College of Business. Jones now works about 18 hours a week but is allocated to earn only a certain amount under federal guidelines. She assumes that her hours will be adjusted accordingly to compensate for the increase.

In the future, students will make the same amount of money they do now, but will work fewer hours. Departments using student workers will have to find other means to complete the work load.

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